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## MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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### **DOYLE SUBMITS LEGISLATION TO START PROCESS FOR NEW CHILI THRUWAY EXIT**

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle today submitted legislation to build a new fourth New York State Thruway exit serving Monroe County in the Town of Chili. The legislation would authorize an agreement between the county and the New York State Department of Transportation for the proposed interchange and initiates an engineering contract with the local firm of Clough Harbour & Associates to begin scope and design work.

"Monroe County has been underserved by the Thruway since this critical highway was first opened decades ago," said Doyle. "The new exit in Chili will be a boon for economic development, travel and tourism in western Monroe County. Our sister cities of Syracuse and Buffalo have always benefited from enhanced Thruway access and its now time that our community enjoy these same benefits."

The project involves the planning and evaluation, design and construction of a New York State Thruway Interchange (46A) in the Town of Chili. Under the contract, work would include road construction, new and improved drainage, guiderail, signs, lighting and tollbooths

As part of this initial phase, the project will include preliminary design, and an environmental impact statement (EIS). The EIS will address needs and objectives; survey and mapping; traffic studies; identification of alternatives; social, economic and environmental considerations; an evaluation and comparison of alternatives; and an Interchange Justification Report. These necessary preliminary steps will be prepared as a multi-agency effort in conjunction with a Public Participation Process before proceeding to final design.

Major funding for the interchange will be provided through Federal funds, the New York State Department of Transportation Multi-Modal Program and anticipated New York State Department of Transportation Marchiselli funds. These funding sources will account for 95% of the project's \$8.25 million estimated cost. Monroe County would provide overall project administration and a local 5% share of the project cost.

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“An additional Thruway exit located in Chili will expand job and economic development opportunities for the entire westside of our county,” said County Legislator Tracy Logel (Chili). “While others have enjoyed great access to the thruway, our community has been largely passed over by this important highway. The Chili exit will put our community on an equal footing with our neighbors across the state.”

The proposed legislation will amend the 2000-2005 Monroe County Capital Improvement Program to include this project and will be considered during the September Legislative cycle.

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